



OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
Hon. Harry J. Tutunjian
mayorsoffice@troyny.gov

518.270.4401
fax 518.270.4609
www.troyny.gov

Frear Park Improvements to Highlight New Season

For Immediate Release
Contact Jeff Buell- 270-4554

(April 12, 2005- TROY)- Mayor Harry Tutunjian announced Tuesday that Frear Park Golf Course will open on time Friday despite recent vandalism that will cost the City thousands of dollars to fix.

In highlighting the opening of the season on Friday, Tutunjian said one of the great features of the 2005 golf season would be an improved restaurant to serve the golfers that come to Frear Park each day. Sean Hughes, the proprietor of O'Leary's Tavern on 15th Street, and the former owner of Holmes and Watson in downtown, was chosen earlier this year to enhance the food operation at the golf course. In previous years, many of the complaints about the course centered on the food concession offered to visitors.

The new name of the restaurant at Frear Park is now S.M. Mulligan's, and Tutunjian believes it will be an asset to the course.

"Sean Hughes was chosen from a group of interested parties that included several well-known restaurant and business owners earlier this year to improve the food concession at Frear Park," Tutunjian said. "The City made a terrific choice, and I'm sure that Sean will do a wonderful job at the golf course and improve the sometimes overlooked amenities that are needed at a terrific course like Frear Park."

Tutunjian proclaimed that weather permitting the golf course will open on time Friday morning with the Mayor offering the first drive of the year at 8:30 a.m. In 2004, the City of Troy hired a Golf Course Superintendent to oversee the maintenance of the course, and the move paid dividends immediately, as word of mouth advertising saw the course start to realize its potential as one of the great courses in the Capital District. Tutunjian expects the new restaurant to fit in well with golf course, which has undergone significant changes in the past three years.

In 2003, \$100,000 was spent to improve the conditions of the course, specifically some of the tee boxes. Later that year, the course was named the best golf course in the Hudson Valley by Hudson Valley Magazine. The Robert Trent Jones designed course was officially opened in 1931 before expanding to 18 holes in 1964. More than 46,000 rounds of golf are played at Frear Park annually.